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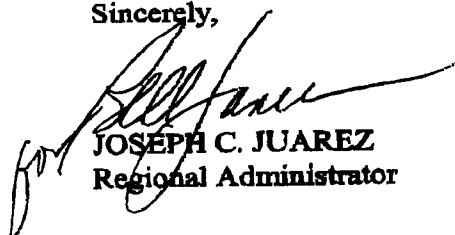
Dear Ms. Daley:

This is in reference to North Dakota's waiver request under the Secretary's general waiver authority contained at WIA section 189(i)(4). The State asked to waive section 123 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which requires competitive selection for youth program elements.

This is to acknowledge the State's April 29, 2002, letter withdrawing of the above-referenced submission from waiver consideration. Accordingly, the Department is taking no further action on the State's request.

We are prepared to entertain other waiver requests that North Dakota may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the Act and regulations. We look forward to working with you as we continue to refine the WIA program.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH C. JUAREZ  
Regional Administrator

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April 29, 2002

Mr. Joseph C. Juarez  
Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Juarez:

On January 11, 2002, Job Service North Dakota submitted to the United States Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration, Region IV, a request for waiver to WIA Section 123, regarding competitive procurement for Youth Services.

After receiving further guidance from your staff, North Dakota has reconsidered and is withdrawing the request for waiver.

North Dakota solicited providers of youth services via statewide public notice to comply with WIA competitive procurement requirements. Responses were few and limited in scope, and reflected the difficulty in providing services to all participants regardless of location or numbers. The solicitation did not result in any entity expressing interest in providing the WIA Youth Program on a statewide basis. The North Dakota Workforce Development Council/Youth Development Council decided to continue its relationship with Job Service North Dakota to provide the Workforce Investment Youth Program in the state. Job Service North Dakota's One Stop Centers are strategically located and able to meet the needs of this rural, sparsely populated state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maren L. Daley".

Maren L. Daley  
WIA Liaison

cc Raymond Gonzales, DOL, ETA, Region IV, Denver  
James Hirsch, North Dakota Workforce Development Council

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